

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## Reply to Mr. Hartwell's Letter.

MR. A. S. HARTWELL.—The question—whether all of the provisions of the Election Bill are the best for us—is a very grave and important one. If the bill should be passed retaining its main provisions, the elections in the future will be as nearly as possible secret, and absolutely free from control. Candidates and others attempting to influence the vote otherwise than by argument and purely moral force, will be severely punished. May I ask in what other "honorable and proper ways" influence can be exerted? The strength of a corrupt and evil government consists in its power to corrupt the vote. If this bill passes, no such corrupt influence can be exerted. A promise of reward, even, will defeat the election of the person promising. It seems to me that it is assuming a good deal to say that an ignorant voter will surely vote wrong, if his vote is secret. This system is as yet untried here. We cannot tell how it will work, but if we may judge from the working of similar laws in Great Britain and some parts of the United States, it will be eminently satisfactory. The problem is: How will it work with an ignorant, and easily influenced electorate? The majority of our voters are Hawaiians and Portuguese. I am informed that the latter do not read much. This is not so with the Hawaiians. Hardly a house in the land does not have the Kuokoa, Paucina and other native papers; and they are read with understanding and appreciation. I am fain to believe that—possibly outside of Honolulu—honest government, honest political principles, honest candidates, the reform party in its best sense, will gain as much as they can lose by a secret and absolutely free ballot. In 1880, in Honolulu, with all of the unscrupulous power of the government, with all of its patronage and powers of intimidation, it got 1400 votes and we got 700. What will the vote be when the ballot is free? The Governor of New York has just vetoed a similar bill which had passed the Legislature of the State. He belongs to a low class of politicians, who were all opposed to it. They opposed it bitterly, and got the bill vetoed because there happened to be no provision for the death of a candidate! The politicians shouted for the oppressed people. The oppressed people, particularly the working men, spoke through Henry George and others like him, and earnestly favored the passage of the bill. It seems to me that it is time for us to try what is right instead of saying that we will do right by and by when it becomes safe to do right. If this bill becomes law no man can sell his vote, and no man will be so foolish as to try and buy a vote for the goods purchased. This is the right and best law, and I believe that true political wisdom will make it the law of the land.

WM. R. CASTLE.  
Honolulu, June 30, 1888.

## Resolutions of Visiting Teachers.

MR. EDITOR.—Enclosed, please find minutes of meeting held at Volcano House, June 29th. I hope the enclosure may find place in columns of your paper.

Very respectfully,  
LEROY D. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Honolulu, July 1st.

## Volcano House,

Kilauea Crater, Hawaii.

June 29, 1888.

At a meeting of the delegation of the National Educational Association of the United States that came down from San Francisco on the late trip of the Australia, held at the Volcano House, Professor Albert Lyser of California was chosen President and LeRoy D. Brown of Nevada, Secretary. The latter stated that the object of the meeting was to take the necessary steps to express in an appropriate manner the sentiments of the delegation with reference to their excursion to the Sandwich Islands and the liberal treatment received from the Oceanic and the Wilder Steamship Companies. On motion, Senator Cornelius F. Cronin of Massachusetts, and Miss Alice Morrill of California, were appointed a committee on resolutions. This committee submitted the following report which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas: We, a delegation of the members of the National Educational Association of the United States of America, assembled at the Volcano House on the brink of the famous crater of Kilauea in the Island of Hawaii, in appreciation of the facilities of travel which have made it possible for us to enjoy the beauty and grandeur of our surroundings and of the hospitality which has relieved us from the hardships too often the lot of tourists; and

Whereas: We, the said delegation, who believe that we are but the vanguard of hosts of our associates and friends yet to follow, feel that we should in some way express our appreciation to those who suggested this delightful excursion, and made it possible, as well as to those who added to the fulfillment of mere legal obligation the generosity of hosts and friends.

Resolved, That we, the delegates now assembled, speaking for ourselves and as representatives of our associates, express our gratitude to the Oceanic S. S. Company, the Wilder S. S. Company, and Co. J. H. Mabry, the genial and kindly manager of the Volcano House, for all the courtesies which have been extended, and our complete satisfaction in the carrying out of every arrangement which their obligations would require or honor suggest.

On motion adjourned.

ALAN LYSER, Pres.  
LEROY D. BROWN, Sec.

## Hilo Notes.

Arrived June 22, at Hilo, the barkentine Geo. C. Perkins, Capt. Charles Moore, 18 days from San Francisco. Will sail on 30th inst. with a full cargo sugar from Waialea and Wainaku. Arrived 27th inst., 23 days from San Francisco, schr. Golden Fleecy, Capt. Goodman.

Hon. J. B. Atherton addressed the large audience of the Blue Ribbon League at the Court House Hall, Hilo, on 23rd inst. He also addressed the people at Hail Church on the 24th inst., under the auspices of the W. O. T. U.

There was also an address by Rev. E. P. Baker.

A joshouse of two-stories was opened for the first time in Hilo. It is located on Front street and is facing the bay. Joss is not an idol carved, but is painted on canvas. The room is lighted with two beautiful lamps and a large chandelier. There was a great destruction of fireworks, and great variety of refreshments, and the music of five instruments made a tremendous noise.

Hilo taxpayers are wondering who will be their next Assessor. Probably the most competent man for that position is A. B. Loebenstein, being a practical surveyor, who surveyed much of the district, is thoroughly posted, and will, it is thought, be acceptable to those interested, on account of his knowledge of the land of the district. J. A. M.  
Hilo, June 28th.

## Later Foreign News.

The Republican Convention has not chosen a ticket. Dewey has consented to run and his boom is growing. Chairman Thurston shocked the Blaine party by declaring the planned knight irrevocably out of the race. An estimate of probable result of the first ballot makes Sherman lead with 250, then Gresham 100, Dewey 100, Alger 80, Harrison 120, Allison 50, Phelps 18, Rusk 22, Stanford 16, Filler 15, Ingalls 14, doubtful 35. Estee of California is unanimously nominated by committee as permanent chairman, and this has made the Blaine men enthusiastic.

Minnie Scholz was taken off the steamer Australia under habeas corpus just before that vessel sailed, the Immigration Commissioner taking her before the Supreme Court. This case was continued till 10 o'clock next day. Mr. Scholz was anxious to have the trouble over, so that he could leave with his daughter for Germany. It is said that Dr. Arning has experimented successfully on many leper patients since returning to that country.

Captain Dyreborg of the barkentine Mary Winkelman and Pilot Babcock are cordially thanked for San Francisco papers of June 20th, a day later than the steamer brought. It is not often that a sailing vessel gets in so close on the heels of a swift steamer.

The Examiner has an article, powerful in its facts and figures, showing the value of the Hawaiian trade to the commerce and industry of San Francisco, saying it is worth more than the entire wool clip of the State.

The uneasy feeling in Berlin is increasing. War rumors are plentiful. Work is pushing on frontier forts. In Berlin the war party is in the ascendant, and at Paris Boulanger is on the top wave.

Savage, Son & Co., proprietors of the Empire Foundry, San Francisco, assigned on the 19th with liabilities of \$125,000, throwing 200 men out of employment.

The British Government was defeated on the 19th, upon the question of control of the police, Hartington and all the Liberal Unionists voting with the Opposition.

The reporters of the Gaulois and Matin have been expelled from Berlin for libeling the Emperor in their journals.

The King of Belgium denies the report of the death of Stanley.

## Another Day's Later Foreign News.

The defeat of the British Ministry on the 19th was on a question of "centralization," the Ministry wanting the appointment of chief constables placed in the hands of the central Government, while the Liberal amendment which prevailed placed the appointments under control of new county councils.

Benjamin Spandauer, upon whose evidence in the case of President Lincoln's assassination Mrs. Surratt was convicted and hanged, has been convicted at Baltimore of conspiracy to defraud and of obtaining money by false pretenses.

The Canadian authorities have reason to believe that large quantities of crude opium are imported into British Columbia for refining, and that a large surplus of the refined product is smuggled across the line to the States.

An electrical storm, accompanied by a wind amounting to a cyclone, has done much damage in Minnesota and Dakota. At Rutland, Dak., the new Opera House was demolished and many business fronts wrecked.

President Carnot has received a telegram from Emperor William, thanking him for his message of condolence, and expressing the hope that the good relations between France and Germany will continue.

An alarming rebellion has broken out in China among the people made destitute by floods. In Honan and Hontung it is reported that troops joined the rebels and murdered the Government officials.

Dr. Mackenzie left Berlin on June 20th suddenly. He asked an audience of the Emperor and was refused. This is regarded as significant, and the dislike to the English is increased.

There was to be a race about the 30th June, from San Francisco to San Diego, between McFarland's yacht Aggie and J. D. Spreckels' yacht Lurline.

Bismarck has notified the Powers, including Russia and France, that it is Emperor William's sincere desire to maintain friendly relations.

J. H. Zoukourt, the famous Russian chess player, is dead, aged 46. He often played eight or ten games simultaneously and blindfolded.

The late Emperor, by will, bequeathed the Castle of Charlottenberg and the palaces in Berlin and Hamburg to Empress Victoria.

Dillon's appeal against sentence of six months' imprisonment under the Crimes Act has been decided against him.

Dillon's friends fear he will not survive his six months' imprisonment.

## A Bluebono Hero.

A forest fire driven by a gale destroyed the gold-mining village of East Rawdon, Nova Scotia. Over ten persons perished and 500 are homeless. A lad named Carpenter wrapped his coat about his invalid and half-smothered mother and carried her on his back and a little brother under his arm to a place of safety some mile distant. The mother's head was badly burned, and the hero's hat burned as he escaped with his living treasure. Mrs. Manning and two children were burned to death in their efforts to escape the fire. John Driscoll saved part of his furniture, but was burned to death in his efforts to save an old trunk.

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